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Evaluation of US Military Attache Reports

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1. The qualitative assessment of the value of Military Attache reporting to the branch intelligence mission is as follows:

a. Sino-Soviet Bloc.

1) The most valuable reports are the Military Attache trip reports. These reports often give unique information on the construction and/or completion of military airfields. Also, they often provide data on other military installations not available from other sources.

2) Specific examples of this type of reporting, which are of value to the branch, are as follows:

- a) US AIRA, Moscow, 17 Aug 55, Document no C 248
- b) Air Attache Trip, Moscow, 8 Sep 55, Des. no 10/55
- c) Army Attache, USMMR, Paris, 13 Oct 55, Document D 990360
- d) Air Attache, Paris, 21 Dec 55, D 377518

3) Much of the Military Attache reporting from the Far East, during the past year, is repetitive and duplicates information received through FBIS which is received much sooner. However, the information on docks and shipyard construction received through the Naval Attache is of considerable value.

b. Non-Bloc areas, but related to the Sino-Soviet Bloc

Shipments of construction materials and construction equipment from or to the Sino-Soviet Bloc are of value to the branch. Construction operations of Bloc countries in non-Bloc countries is also of value.

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c. Attache reporting on non-Bloc areas is of value when it pertains to construction operations or the supply of construction materials by Bloc countries to those areas.

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